

Bishop David reflects on the Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham. :

This month we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham. Many of you will remember the joy we all felt when it was announced that the Ordinariate was dedicated to Our Lady of Walsingham.

Pilgrimage to Walsingham and devotion to Our Lady under that title has played a major role in our lives both as Anglicans and as Catholics; it has been a place of fun and laughter and also of happiness and tears as we have followed in the footsteps of countless pilgrims down the ages, bringing the complexities of our lives to the Mother of God. Indeed I am convinced that the Ordinariate is the answer to so many prayers offered at the shrine.

When we go to Walsingham, ours eyes are confronted with ruins. The abbey and surrounding buildings were destroyed on the orders of Henry VIII and those who refused to abandon Papal authority were executed. As the pilgrim hymn states “this land which had once been Our Lady’s own dower; had its church now enslaved by a secular power”.

The hymn tells of the years of darkness and the silent pilgrimages of the few; but then the hymn becomes more triumphalist, telling of the restoration of the shrine and the reestablishment of pilgrimages – but those last verses miss an important point, a verse which was never written but without which the story is not correct “ this land which had once been Our Lady’s own dower, has a church STILL enslaved by a secular power”.

For many of us this has been our story and our understanding: no amount of restoration could remove the stark fact that we were still separated from the See of Peter: a scandal and a deficiency that had to be healed.

The Ordinariate puts this right: it acknowledges our history even whilst in separation, it values that patrimony whereby we were nurtured in the Catholic Faith. At the same time, the Ordinariate heals the schism. That which was lost at the reformation becomes possible again and we are privileged to live to see this day, to enter into an ecclesial life for which so many of our forebears prayed.

The Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham is the answer to so many prayers offered at her feet and we can be confident that our future lies in so many more prayers to be left at the same feet.

May Our Lady of Walsingham pray for us and for the conversion of England.

In Christ + David

Eastbourne Concert Orchestra presents an evening of music by Haydn and Mozart featuring Phoenix Choir and soloists, with members of Eastbourne Choral Society, at All Saints Church, Grange Road, at 7.30 pm on Saturday, 18 October. Tickets £15 available on the door, under 18’s free.’

Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham is celebrated on Wed 24th September. There will be Mass (DW) at CTK at 7.00pm followed by a celebration in the hall. Please bring a plate of food to share. All welcome.

Bible Timeline Course. This is free on-line course which follows the history of the people of Israel in the Bible up till the coming of Jesus. It starts on Oct 1st, from 7pm-8,30pm. Course information : www.comeandsee.org. See poster at the back of the church.

Walsingham Pilgrimage October 14th-16th, please contact Cheryl Wood at OLR parish office (Mon-Fri 9.30am-1.30pm) for more info. Tel 01323.723222.

Hymns : 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Opening CTK (36). ‘Amazing Grace’
St Jo’s : (40). ‘Amazing Grace’
Off : CTK : (320). ‘Lord accept the gifts’
St Jo’s : (377). ‘Lord accept the gifts’
Closing CTK (224). ‘Our God reigns’
St Jo’s : (268). ‘Our God reigns’

Congratulations to Deacon Eugene who marked 20 years as a Deacon on July 15th. We ask God to continue to bless him and Debbie for their dedication and commitment to the parish.

Catholic Women’s League Eastbourne To celebrate Harvest festival and for the month of the Holy Rosary, we will be collecting donations for the Women’s Refuge in Eastbourne. The items needed are: toiletries, moisturisers, etc. Full list at back of the church. Place your donations in a marked box at the back of the church until Sunday the 19th October. The next meeting of the CWL is on Wednesday Oct 1st at 7.00pm in the parish hall at CTK - please note change of venue.

Parish Pantomime. We need actors, back-of-house people to do prompting, stage management and front of house, welcoming audiences to the performances. Our first meeting is Sunday 21st September in the CTK Parish Hall, at 2pm. See you there!

First Communion & Confirmation Preparation : Forms are available at the back of the church for those children and young people who wish to make their First Holy Communion and Confirmation in 2026. The deadline applying for Holy Communion preparation is 12th October; for Confirmation, October 3rd.

First Saturday’s Devotions & Family Adoration at CTK - Saturday the 4th October : 10.30am Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Rosary. Family adoration will follow the Mass. Confessions available during the Exposition.
A note for your diary: the next First Saturday – 1st November.

CTK Seniors Christmas Dinner is on Wed Dec 10th, 12noon for12.30pm, at The Smugglers in Pevensy. £14 per person; money in named envelopes marked ‘Heather’ by 12th Nov. Thanks.

Eucharistic Festival on October 10th with Cardinal Nichols in Westminster Cathedral, including Veneration of a Relic of St Carlo Acutis. For further information, click on : <https://rcdow.org.news/Celebrating-BI-Carlo-Acutis-Canonisation-Diocese-of-Westminster>

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Sacrament of Reconciliation.
The Sacrament of Confession is available at CTK on Thurs 6-6.45pm, Friday, 12.45-2.00pm Saturday, 4-4.45pm. And on-call. Contact Fr Neil.

For enquiries for Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, and Marriage, please speak to either Fr Neil or Deacon Eugene; also ring the office : 01323 760048

Parish Hall Bookings
Enquiries: 01323 760048

Website :
<http://christthekingeastbourne.org>

Facebook page: Christ The King with St Joachim, Eastbourne

Banking Matters
We have shortened the name of the bank account for those who wish to set up standing orders for Christ the King. CTK main account: A/C Name : RCD A&B Christ the King Eastbourne. Sort Code : 40-05-20 A/C No : 91127012; St Joachim’s A/C. Sort Code : 40-05-20; A/C No : 51077058.

Votive Candles. Would you like to sponsor a candle for a personal intention or a special need at CTK? This week the candles are for Augusthy Ouseph RIP & Obikwelu family. There are forms available at the back of the church if you would like to sponsor a candle.

DONA Machine : If you have no cash you can still make a contribution to the parish finances by tapping your debit or credit card on the machine. Thanks to all who contribute this way.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Mass Intentions
Saturday Sept 20th	CTK : 4-4.45pm. : Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament CTK. : 5.00pm Vigil Mass	Sandra Hattersley
Sun Sept 21st	St Jo's. 9.30am CTK 11.30am (DW)	Private Intention Raymond Brady RIP
Mon Sept 22nd	No Public Mass today.	(May McCormack)
Tues Sept 23rd St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)	CTK. : 10.00am : Mass	Alexander Cassidy
Wed Sept 24th Our Lady of Walsingham	St Jo’s : 10.00am CTK. : 7.00pm. Mass (DW)	Chett Cassidy Peter Moon RIP
Thurs Sept 25th	CTK : 5.30-7.00pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Hour for priests. CTK : 7.00pm Mass. (DW)	Graham Pegley
Fri Sept 26th Sts Cosmas & Damien	CTK : 10.00am-3.00pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament CTK : 12noon : Mass	Nikolai Horlin RIP
Sat Sept 27th St Vincent de Paul	CTK. 4.00pm-4.45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament CTK : 5.00pm Vigil Mass	Emma Wilson - for safe baby delivery
Sun Sept 28th 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	St Jo’s. : 9.30am Mass CTK. : 11.30am Mass (DW)	GK Poulouse RIP Matthew Orr RIP

We pray for all the sick of the parish, and especially : Eithne Lloyd, Stuart McCarthy, Marie Williams, Maria P Veras, Sylvia Brady, Alexandra Waters, Neidilane Emerch, Rose Hellyer, Graham Pegley, Serena May, Enogue G Peixoto, Freda Swales, Bernadette Chandler

For the recently deceased, Eileen Lynch, Liam Lynch, Agostinha Martins,